National Survey of Residents of The Republic of Maldives

August-September 2022
The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by the Institute for Research and Innovation, Villa College between August 12-September 11, 2022.

The sample consists of 1,292 respondents aged 18 and older and is representative of resident Maldivian adults nationally. The sample excludes those living on resort islands (6% of the total adult population). Interviews were conducted face-to-face at respondents’ homes, using the Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) method.

A multi-stage stratified probability sampling approach with clusters was used, and the sample was first stratified by atolls, then by urbanicity (urban, semi-urban, and rural). Islands within each stratum were randomly selected. In total, 42 islands were sampled, with 28 in the rural stratum, 9 in the semi-urban stratum, and 5 in the urban stratum (see next slide for definitions of urbanization levels.) The sample was drawn based on the 2014 census. With each sampling point, random walk was used to select the appropriate household and respondents were selected with the “last birthday” method.

The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age groups, and education level. The weighting frame is based on the 2019 Statistical Yearbook for gender and age, and on the midpoint between the 2014 census and the 2019 Statistical Yearbook for education.

The margin of error is plus or minus 2.7 percentage points at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent.

The response rate was 72%.

The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
## Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

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*Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Cited bases are weighted.*
General Outlook
In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

### Age Group

- **All Respondents**: 22% in the right direction, 72% in the wrong direction, 6% don't know/refused.
- **Younger Youth (18-25)**: 28% in the right direction, 68% in the wrong direction, 4% don't know/refused.
- **Older Youth (26-35)**: 22% in the right direction, 73% in the wrong direction, 5% don't know/refused.
- **Youth (18-35)**: 24% in the right direction, 71% in the wrong direction, 5% don't know/refused.
- **36+**: 21% in the right direction, 72% in the wrong direction, 7% don't know/refused.

### Gender

- **Men**: 28% in the right direction, 67% in the wrong direction, 6% don't know/refused.
- **Women**: 17% in the right direction, 77% in the wrong direction, 6% don't know/refused.
What is the most important problem facing our country today?
(Spontaneous response)

- Corruption: 22%
- Economy-cost of living, high prices: 17%
- Illicit drugs: 15%
- Economy-unemployment: 7%
- Economy-other/general: 6%
- Internal conflicts, including ethnic and religious conflicts: 5%
- Insecurity: 5%
- Crime/Public safety: 4%
- Housing: 3%
- Party politics: 3%
- Economy- small business opportunities/access to loans: 3%
- Lack of justice/Rule of law: 3%
- Other: 7%
- No problem: <1%
- Don’t know: 1%

*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other.*
What is the most important problem facing our country today? (Spontaneous response; disaggregated by age group; top 5 responses displayed)
What is the most important problem facing our country today?
(Spontaneous response; disaggregated by gender; top 5 responses displayed)
What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response; disaggregated by urbanicity; top 5 responses displayed)
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

### All Respondents
- Very good: 16%
- Somewhat good: 49%
- Somewhat bad: 18%
- Very bad: 15%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

### Age Group
- Youth (18-35)
  - Very good: 17%
  - Somewhat good: 53%
  - Somewhat bad: 15%
  - Very bad: 12%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- 36+
  - Very good: 14%
  - Somewhat good: 46%
  - Somewhat bad: 21%
  - Very bad: 17%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

### Urbanicity
- Urban
  - Very good: 18%
  - Somewhat good: 46%
  - Somewhat bad: 18%
  - Very bad: 16%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
- Semi-Urban
  - Very good: 11%
  - Somewhat good: 54%
  - Somewhat bad: 20%
  - Very bad: 13%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- Rural
  - Very good: 17%
  - Somewhat good: 49%
  - Somewhat bad: 17%
  - Very bad: 17%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?

All Respondents:
- Very likely: 18%
- Somewhat likely: 27%
- Somewhat unlikely: 11%
- Very unlikely: 41%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

Age Group:
- Youth (18-35):
  - Very likely: 16%
  - Somewhat likely: 32%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 12%
  - Very unlikely: 38%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%
- 36+:
  - Very likely: 20%
  - Somewhat likely: 23%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 10%
  - Very unlikely: 44%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%
Elections
Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?

- Gives me some say about how the government runs things.
- Doesn’t really affect how the government runs things. But I still believe it’s important to vote.
- Doesn’t really affect how the government runs things, so for me it’s not really important to vote.
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

### Age Group

- **Youth (18-35)**
  - Gives me some say: 19%
  - Doesn’t affect: 50%
  - Doesn’t matter: 26%
  - Don’t know: 4%

- **36+**
  - Gives me some say: 19%
  - Doesn’t affect: 55%
  - Doesn’t matter: 22%
  - Don’t know: 4%

### Gender

- **Men**
  - Gives me some say: 19%
  - Doesn’t affect: 57%
  - Doesn’t matter: 20%
  - Don’t know: 4%

- **Women**
  - Gives me some say: 19%
  - Doesn’t affect: 49%
  - Doesn’t matter: 27%
  - Don’t know: 5%

### Urbanicity

- **Urban**
  - Gives me some say: 17%
  - Doesn’t affect: 52%
  - Doesn’t matter: 28%
  - Don’t know: 3%

- **Semi-Urban**
  - Gives me some say: 14%
  - Doesn’t affect: 62%
  - Doesn’t matter: 20%
  - Don’t know: 4%

- **Rural**
  - Gives me some say: 24%
  - Doesn’t affect: 51%
  - Doesn’t matter: 18%
  - Don’t know: 8%
Ratings of Institutions
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

- **Maldives National Defense Force**
  - Trust a great deal: 31%
  - Somewhat trust: 40%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%
  - Somewhat distrust: 17%
  - Distrust a great deal: 3%

- **Maldives Police Service**
  - Trust a great deal: 13%
  - Somewhat trust: 37%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 14%
  - Somewhat distrust: 34%
  - Distrust a great deal: 2%

- **National Electoral Commission**
  - Trust a great deal: 10%
  - Somewhat trust: 33%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 15%
  - Somewhat distrust: 39%
  - Distrust a great deal: 4%

- **Media**
  - Trust a great deal: 7%
  - Somewhat trust: 34%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 17%
  - Somewhat distrust: 40%
  - Distrust a great deal: 2%

- **National government**
  - Trust a great deal: 10%
  - Somewhat trust: 30%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 13%
  - Somewhat distrust: 44%
  - Distrust a great deal: 3%

- **Courts**
  - Trust a great deal: 7%
  - Somewhat trust: 32%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 16%
  - Somewhat distrust: 43%
  - Distrust a great deal: 3%

- **Human Rights Commission**
  - Trust a great deal: 7%
  - Somewhat trust: 30%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 16%
  - Somewhat distrust: 40%
  - Distrust a great deal: 8%

- **Anti-Corruption Commission**
  - Trust a great deal: 4%
  - Somewhat trust: 22%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 15%
  - Somewhat distrust: 52%
  - Distrust a great deal: 7%

- **Parliament**
  - Trust a great deal: 4%
  - Somewhat trust: 22%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 14%
  - Somewhat distrust: 57%
  - Distrust a great deal: 3%

- **Political parties**
  - Trust a great deal: 3%
  - Somewhat trust: 19%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 17%
  - Somewhat distrust: 57%
  - Distrust a great deal: 3%
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*A decentralized system of governance is important for the country*

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- Very satisfied
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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*Councils should be able to raise revenue independent of budgets received from the central government*

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*Development projects should be managed or implemented by private citizens of the community*

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When thinking about community involvement in development projects, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

*Development projects should be monitored and evaluated by the private citizens of the community*

### All Respondents

- **Agree**: 45%
- **Somewhat agree**: 21%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 13%
- **Disagree**: 17%
- **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 3%

### Age Group

- **Age 18-35**
  - **Agree**: 41%
  - **Somewhat agree**: 25%
  - **Somewhat disagree**: 13%
  - **Disagree**: 18%
  - **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 3%

- **Age 36+**
  - **Agree**: 49%
  - **Somewhat agree**: 18%
  - **Somewhat disagree**: 13%
  - **Disagree**: 16%
  - **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 4%

### Urbanicity

- **Urban**
  - **Agree**: 44%
  - **Somewhat agree**: 22%
  - **Somewhat disagree**: 13%
  - **Disagree**: 19%
  - **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 2%

- **Semi-urban**
  - **Agree**: 61%
  - **Somewhat agree**: 21%
  - **Somewhat disagree**: 9%
  - **Disagree**: 4%
  - **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 4%

- **Rural**
  - **Agree**: 40%
  - **Somewhat agree**: 20%
  - **Somewhat disagree**: 14%
  - **Disagree**: 20%
  - **Don’t know/Refused to answer**: 6%
When thinking about community involvement in development projects, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

*Private citizens of the community should have a say in how development projects are conceptualized and implemented*

**All Respondents**
- Agree: 77%
- Somewhat agree: 13%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Disagree: 3%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

**Age Group**
- Age 18-35: Agree 73%, Somewhat agree 16%, Somewhat disagree 8%, Disagree 2%
- Age 36+: Agree 81%, Somewhat agree 11%, Somewhat disagree 5%, Disagree 3%

**Urbanicity**
- Urban: Agree 74%, Somewhat agree 15%, Somewhat disagree 8%, Disagree 3%
- Semi-urban: Agree 79%, Somewhat agree 11%, Somewhat disagree 6%, Disagree 4%
- Rural: Agree 84%, Somewhat agree 14%, Somewhat disagree 1%, Disagree 1%
Local Council
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*My local council represents the interests of the political parties*

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*My local council is effective in engaging the public when making important decisions and represents the interests of my community*

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- Agree
- Somewhat agree
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- Disagree
- Don't know/Refused to answer
Of the following areas, which do you think your local councilor should prioritize?

- Community wellbeing
- Infrastructure Development, such as the development of roads, harbors, recreational areas, airports, etc.
- Open/Transparent governance
- Party policy, which means a Councilor should prioritize his/her party’s policy or agenda
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

[Bar chart showing the distribution of responses by area and urban/rural classification.]
How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

- Waste management: 33% Very effective, 34% Somewhat effective, 12% Somewhat ineffective, 20% Very ineffective, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Developing a sense of community: 14% Very effective, 37% Somewhat effective, 15% Somewhat ineffective, 29% Very ineffective, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Overall maintenance of public infrastructure, such as roads, etc.*: 13% Very effective, 37% Somewhat effective, 18% Somewhat ineffective, 27% Very ineffective, 5% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Addressing public health concerns: 12% Very effective, 33% Somewhat effective, 17% Somewhat ineffective, 35% Very ineffective, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Economic empowerment opportunities: 8% Very effective, 33% Somewhat effective, 17% Somewhat ineffective, 35% Very ineffective, 7% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Providing social security services, such as for victims etc**: 9% Very effective, 28% Somewhat effective, 16% Somewhat ineffective, 37% Very ineffective, 9% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Protecting natural resources: 11% Very effective, 26% Somewhat effective, 18% Somewhat ineffective, 38% Very ineffective, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Fiscal Management: 7% Very effective, 22% Somewhat effective, 19% Somewhat ineffective, 37% Very ineffective, 16% Don't know/Refused to answer

*Full text: Overall maintenance of public infrastructure, such as roads, jetty, social centers, cemeteries, historical sites, library etc.
** Full text: Providing social security services, such as for victims of domestic violence, senior citizens and those with special needs, etc.
How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

**Waste Management**

- **All Respondents**:
  - Very effective: 33%
  - Somewhat effective: 34%
  - Somewhat ineffective: 12%
  - Very ineffective: 20%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Urbanicity**:
  - Urban:
    - Very effective: 33%
    - Somewhat effective: 35%
    - Somewhat ineffective: 14%
    - Very ineffective: 16%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%
  - Semi-Urban:
    - Very effective: 42%
    - Somewhat effective: 27%
    - Somewhat ineffective: 11%
    - Very ineffective: 18%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
  - Rural:
    - Very effective: 28%
    - Somewhat effective: 35%
    - Somewhat ineffective: 10%
    - Very ineffective: 27%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

**Developing a sense of community**

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- Don't know/Refused to answer
How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

**Overall maintenance of public infrastructure, such as roads, jetty, social centers, cemeteries, historical sites, library etc.**

**All Respondents**
- Very effective: 13%
- Somewhat effective: 37%
- Somewhat ineffective: 18%
- Very ineffective: 27%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%

**Age Group**

**Youth (18-35)**
- Very effective: 14%
- Somewhat effective: 41%
- Somewhat ineffective: 19%
- Very ineffective: 22%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

**36+**
- Very effective: 11%
- Somewhat effective: 33%
- Somewhat ineffective: 18%
- Very ineffective: 31%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 7%
How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

Addressing public health concerns

All Respondents

- Very effective: 12%
- Somewhat effective: 33%
- Somewhat ineffective: 17%
- Very ineffective: 35%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

Age Group

Youth (18-35)

- Very effective: 12%
- Somewhat effective: 38%
- Somewhat ineffective: 17%
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36+

- Very effective: 11%
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How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

**Economic empowerment opportunities**

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Providing social security services, such as for victims of domestic violence, senior citizens and those with special needs, etc.

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- Very effective: 9%
- Somewhat effective: 28%
- Somewhat ineffective: 16%
- Very ineffective: 37%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%

**Age Group**

**Youth (18-35)**
- Very effective: 9%
- Somewhat effective: 32%
- Somewhat ineffective: 17%
- Very ineffective: 34%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%

**36+**
- Very effective: 10%
- Somewhat effective: 25%
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How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

Protecting natural resources

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How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

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Which among the following is the greatest obstacle local councils face in functioning effectively?

- Councils lack capacity: 31%
- Party politics: 17%
- Councils lack financial resources: 16%
- Councils lack vision: 9%
- Central government doesn’t allow enough space to govern locally: 8%
- Friction between civil service staff and elected officials of the council: 8%
- Councils lack will: 5%
- Inconsistencies in policies & laws governing local governments: 2%
- Don’t Know/ Refused to answer: 5%
Women’s Development Committee (WDC)
How familiar are you about the work of your Women’s Development Committee (WDC)?

- I know a lot about my WDC’s work
- I know something about my WDC’s work
- I know little about my WDC’s work
- I know nothing about my WDC’s work
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

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I know a lot about my WDC’s work
I know something about my WDC’s work
I know little about my WDC’s work
I know nothing about my WDC’s work
Don’t know/Refused to answer
For the following areas, is your Women’s Development Committee (WDC) doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

(Among those who declared they know something or a lot about their WDC’s work, n=411)

Developing a sense of community
- Very good: 25%
- Somewhat good: 51%
- Somewhat bad: 13%
- Very bad: 9%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

Increasing women’s political and community participation
- Very good: 24%
- Somewhat good: 42%
- Somewhat bad: 17%
- Very bad: 10%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

Increasing training/job opportunities for women
- Very good: 22%
- Somewhat good: 40%
- Somewhat bad: 18%
- Very bad: 14%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

Working towards defending human rights
- Very good: 14%
- Somewhat good: 37%
- Somewhat bad: 20%
- Very bad: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 13%

Ensuring access to healthcare for women and children
- Very good: 14%
- Somewhat good: 30%
- Somewhat bad: 19%
- Very bad: 25%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 13%

Providing safe spaces for victims of violence
- Very good: 8%
- Somewhat good: 23%
- Somewhat bad: 16%
- Very bad: 28%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 25%
### For the following areas, is your Women’s Development Committee (WDC) doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

(Among **WOMEN** who declared they know something or a lot about their WDC’s work, n=204)

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Courts
Have you ever been personally involved in a court case?

- **All Respondents:**
  - Yes: 22%
  - No: 75%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Age Group**
  - Youth (18-35):
    - Yes: 24%
    - No: 74%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
  - 36+:
    - Yes: 21%
    - No: 77%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **Gender**
  - Men:
    - Yes: 27%
    - No: 70%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%
  - Women:
    - Yes: 17%
    - No: 81%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Urbanicity**
  - Urban:
    - Yes: 26%
    - No: 71%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%
  - Semi-Urban:
    - Yes: 14%
    - No: 86%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%
  - Rural:
    - Yes: 19%
    - No: 78%
    - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%
Do you consider the Maldivian courts to be efficient or inefficient?

All Respondents
- Very efficient: 4%
- Somewhat efficient: 25%
- Somewhat inefficient: 23%
- Very inefficient: 47%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

Age Group
- Youth (18-35)
  - Very efficient: 6%
  - Somewhat efficient: 26%
  - Somewhat inefficient: 24%
  - Very inefficient: 41%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- 36+
  - Very efficient: 3%
  - Somewhat efficient: 24%
  - Somewhat inefficient: 21%
  - Very inefficient: 51%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

Gender
- Men
  - Very efficient: 3%
  - Somewhat efficient: 28%
  - Somewhat inefficient: 23%
  - Very inefficient: 44%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
- Women
  - Very efficient: 5%
  - Somewhat efficient: 21%
  - Somewhat inefficient: 22%
  - Very inefficient: 50%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

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  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
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  - Very efficient: 5%
  - Somewhat efficient: 30%
  - Somewhat inefficient: 24%
  - Very inefficient: 40%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

Very efficient
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Don't know/Refused to answer
Do you consider the Maldivian courts to be efficient or inefficient?

- **All Respondents**: 4% Very efficient, 25% Somewhat efficient, 23% Somewhat inefficient, 47% Very inefficient, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Previously involved in court case**
  - Been involved (n=286): 6% Very efficient, 27% Somewhat efficient, 19% Somewhat inefficient, 46% Very inefficient, 3% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Never been involved (n=975): 3% Very efficient, 25% Somewhat efficient, 23% Somewhat inefficient, 47% Very inefficient, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Trust in courts**
  - Trust somewhat/a great deal (n=499): 8% Very efficient, 45% Somewhat efficient, 22% Somewhat inefficient, 22% Very inefficient, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Distrust somewhat/a great deal (n=755): 1% Very efficient, 11% Somewhat efficient, 23% Somewhat inefficient, 64% Very inefficient, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer

Legend:
- Very efficient
- Somewhat efficient
- Somewhat inefficient
- Don't know/Refused to answer
- Very inefficient
Do you consider the Maldivian courts to be responsive or unresponsive to citizens’ needs?
Do you consider the Maldivian courts to be responsive or unresponsive to citizens’ needs?

- **All Respondents**: 4% Very responsive, 29% Somewhat responsive, 20% Somewhat unresponsive, 43% Very unresponsive, 5% Don't know/Refused to answer

  - **Trust in courts**
    - Trust somewhat/a great deal (n=499): 8% Very responsive, 48% Somewhat responsive, 18% Somewhat unresponsive, 19% Very unresponsive, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer
    - Distrust somewhat/a great deal (n=755): 1% Very responsive, 16% Somewhat responsive, 21% Somewhat unresponsive, 60% Very unresponsive, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer

- **Previously involved in court case**
  - Been involved (n=286): 1% Very responsive, 31% Somewhat responsive, 22% Somewhat unresponsive, 44% Very unresponsive, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Never been involved (n=975): 5% Very responsive, 28% Somewhat responsive, 19% Somewhat unresponsive, 43% Very unresponsive, 5% Don't know/Refused to answer

Legend:
- **Very responsive**
- **Somewhat responsive**
- **Somewhat unresponsive**
- **Very unresponsive**
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**
Inclusion
How important or unimportant is it that [...] are included in political decision making?

- **Young adults**: 82% very important, 12% somewhat important, 3% somewhat unimportant, 2% very unimportant, 2% don't know/refused to answer
- **Women**: 65% very important, 23% somewhat important, 6% somewhat unimportant, 6% very unimportant, 1% don't know/refused to answer
- **People with disabilities**: 53% very important, 29% somewhat important, 9% somewhat unimportant, 7% very unimportant, 1% don't know/refused to answer
How important or unimportant is it that young adults are included in political decision making?

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How important or unimportant is it that women are included in political decision making?

- **All Respondents**: 65% Very important, 23% Somewhat important, 6% Somewhat unimportant, 6% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Age Group**: Youth (18-35) - 63% Very important, 24% Somewhat important, 7% Somewhat unimportant, 5% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer; 36+ - 66% Very important, 22% Somewhat important, 5% Somewhat unimportant, 6% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Gender**: Men - 60% Very important, 26% Somewhat important, 6% Somewhat unimportant, 7% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer; Women - 70% Very important, 20% Somewhat important, 5% Somewhat unimportant, 4% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Urbanicity**: Urban - 68% Very important, 18% Somewhat important, 8% Somewhat unimportant, 5% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer; Semi-Urban - 65% Very important, 30% Somewhat important, <1% Somewhat unimportant, <1% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer; Rural - 59% Very important, 28% Somewhat important, 4% Somewhat unimportant, 8% Very unimportant, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
How important or unimportant is it that people with disabilities are included in political decision making?

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To what degree do local councils involve the following parties in their decision-making processes?

(Among respondents who received this question, n=995*)

- **Young adults**
  - To a very large degree: 37%
  - To a somewhat large degree: 34%
  - To a somewhat small degree: 15%
  - To a very small degree: 6%
  - None at all: 4%

- **Political party activists**
  - To a very large degree: 42%
  - To a somewhat large degree: 24%
  - To a somewhat small degree: 10%
  - To a very small degree: 8%
  - None at all: 4%

- **Women**
  - To a very large degree: 27%
  - To a somewhat large degree: 32%
  - To a somewhat small degree: 23%
  - To a very small degree: 8%
  - None at all: 4%

- **Local businesses**
  - To a very large degree: 20%
  - To a somewhat large degree: 30%
  - To a somewhat small degree: 19%
  - To a very small degree: 11%
  - None at all: 5%

- **Non-Governmental Organizations**
  - To a very large degree: 14%
  - To a somewhat large degree: 25%
  - To a somewhat small degree: 21%
  - To a very small degree: 14%
  - None at all: 7%

- **People with disabilities**
  - To a very large degree: 9%
  - To a somewhat large degree: 17%
  - To a somewhat small degree: 21%
  - To a very small degree: 23%
  - None at all: 17%

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To what degree do local councils involve the following parties in their decision-making processes? Young adults

- To a very large degree: 37%
- To a somewhat large degree: 37%
- To a somewhat small degree: 15%
- To a very small degree: 6%
- None at all: 4%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%

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To what degree do local councils involve the following parties in their decision-making processes? Women

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In the past 12 months have you personally felt discriminated against in our country on the basis of one or more of the following grounds? By discrimination, we mean when somebody is treated less favorably than others because of a specific personal feature.

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In the past 12 months have you personally felt discriminated against in our country on the basis of one or more of the following grounds? By discrimination, we mean when somebody is treated less favorably than others because of a specific personal feature.

- **All Respondents**: 22% Yes, 76% No, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Younger Youth (18-25)**: 29% Yes, 71% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Older Youth (26-35)**: 23% Yes, 75% No, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Youth (18-35)**: 26% Yes, 73% No, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **36+**: 19% Yes, 78% No, 3% Don't know/Refused to answer

*Your age*
In the past 12 months have you personally felt discriminated against in our country on the basis of one or more of the following grounds? By discrimination, we mean when somebody is treated less favorably than others because of a specific personal feature.

Your gender

- All Respondents
  - Yes: 19%
  - No: 79%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

Gender

- Men
  - Yes: 18%
  - No: 80%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- Women
  - Yes: 20%
  - No: 78%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
Corruption
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?

- Daily: 1%
- Weekly: 3%
- Monthly: 2%
- Less frequently: 4%
- Not at all: 84%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 7%
Sources of Information
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

- Social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.: 53%
- Television: 24%
- Internet (Other than social media): 10%
- Radio: 4%
- Messaging apps, such as Viber, WhatsApp, etc.: 3%
- Print media: 1%
- None: 3%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information? (Disaggregated by age group)

- Social Media
  - All Respondents: 53%
  - Younger Youth (18-25): 66%
  - Older Youth (26-35): 69%
  - Youth (18-35): 73%
  - 36+: 66%

- Television
  - All Respondents: 24%
  - Younger Youth (18-25): 14%
  - Older Youth (26-35): 10%
  - Youth (18-35): 12%
  - 36+: 9%

- Internet (other than social media)
  - All Respondents: 35%
  - Younger Youth (18-25): 10%
  - Older Youth (26-35): 10%
  - Youth (18-35): 10%
  - 36+: 9%

- Radio
  - All Respondents: 3%
  - Younger Youth (18-25): 1%
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- Messaging Apps, such as Viber, Whatsapp etc.
  - All Respondents: 3%
  - Younger Youth (18-25): 4%
  - Older Youth (26-35): 4%
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- Print Media
  - All Respondents: 1%
  - Younger Youth (18-25): 1%
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- None
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  - Younger Youth (18-25): 3%
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- Don't know/Refused to answer
  - All Respondents: 3%
  - Younger Youth (18-25): 2%
  - Older Youth (26-35): 2%
  - Youth (18-35): 2%
  - 36+: 2%
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information? (Disaggregated by gender)
Disinformation
To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?

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